

Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council  
City of Greensboro

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am pleased to provide you with a copy of the 2006-07 Annual Budget and 2007-08 Projected Budget. This document was prepared by the City's Budget and Evaluation Department and represents a comprehensive publication of the City's budget plans and policies for the upcoming fiscal year. The document also includes a second year planning budget that gives us the opportunity to continue planning for and implementing the strategies necessary to meet the future needs of our community.

The Recommended 2006-07 Budget was presented to Council on May 16, 2006 and copies were made available at all City libraries and in the Office of the City Clerk. The Council held a public hearing on the proposed budget and also held Council Budget Work Sessions before acting on the budget. The budget review schedule and public hearing were publicized to encourage community input and comment on the budget.

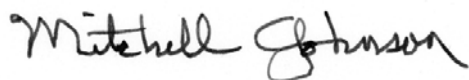
Council adopted the 2006-07 Annual Budget, totaling \$386,012,991 on June 27, 2006. The Adopted 2006-07 Budget addresses the Council's strategic priorities that are listed in this document. This budget provides for the opening of the new refuse transfer station in FY 06-07. The budget includes funding to open the Willow Road Fire Station in FY 06-07 and provides funding for additional Police Patrol officers to be hired in the spring, 2007.

Some position and program reductions, as well as some user fee increases, were enacted as part of this budget to reduce the necessary General Fund property tax rate increase. A three and one-quarter cent tax rate increase is reflected in the General Fund. A one and one-half cent increase is included in the Transit Fund to support increased fixed route service and to offset increased costs for specialized transportation service.

The 2006-07 and 2007-08 budget columns in this document, as well as the narrative, reflect the budget as adopted by Council with changes made during the Council deliberations. The Manager's Message, however, is included as it was presented on May 16, 2006 with the Recommended Budget.

On behalf of the employees of the City, I thank you for your continued guidance and support of our efforts to meet your priorities in the delivery of high quality services to the Greensboro community.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mitchell Johnson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mitchell Johnson  
City Manager